

Letter Of Recommendation

February 17, 2026

It's been my honor and privilege to serve with Steve Spodyak in my capacity as the volunteer Park County Sheriff's Office Chaplain for the past 10 years.

I have known Steve as he began as a Deputy and moved through the ranks to Undersheriff. This has been a 22-year journey, with 14 of those years serving Park County. As the Undersheriff, he is fulfilling a critical position and has fully supported the Sheriff's Office, it's personnel and his community.

As a Colorado native, Steve's roots run deep. He has an intimate knowledge of the vastness of Park County and its broad needs.

Steve has always had a strong commitment to the personnel of the Park County Sheriff's Office and his community. This heartfelt commitment is not only through coaching and other outreach activities; it includes dealing with devastating losses and tragedies. Steve and I have worked through several tough line of duty situations together. He is usually the first to call when a serious call arises concerning a deputy, detective, or any personnel so we can assist our First Responders serving Park County.

He embraces changes, finding strength in his family and those he serves.

Steve maintains a high standard of receiving continued education. Through his initiative, he completed the detailed process of applying for, being chosen to attend, and completed the once in a lifetime FBI National Academy in 2025. Leading by example, he will ensure Park County Sheriff's Office Personnel receive the highest quality training available.

As a retired Law Enforcement Officer, past Law Enforcement supervisor, and a member of this community, I urge Park County residents to vote for Steve Spodyak as the next Park County Sheriff. It's my pleasure and with honor that I endorse Steve Spodyak.

With respect,

Leo R. Suazo

Rocky Mountain Police & Fire Chaplains